

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 and 30-37 are pending. The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status and improve readability.

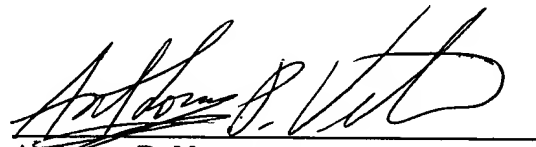
Claims 30-37 have been added to essentially repeat some of the claims that were previously multiply dependent. The numbering of the new claims starts at 30 because the originally filed application had 29 claims. No new matter is presented by the above amendments. Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT I –marked up set of claims

1. (Amended) Process comprising [for] producing a plastic web for coating a metal substrate, in which the plastic [used] is polyester, [characterised in that] wherein the plastic web is produced by extruding a mixture of crystallisable polyester and non-crystallisable polyester.

2. (Amended) Process according to Claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the polyesters used are copolyesters.

3. (Amended) Process according to Claim 2, [characterised in that] wherein copolyesters based on terephthalic acid are used.

4. (Amended) Process according to Claim 3, [characterised in that] wherein polyesters, which are formed on the basis of PET, are used.

5. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1-4] Claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the non-crystallisable polyester used is a copolyester containing CHDM (1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol).

6. (Amended) Process according to Claim 5, [characterised in that] wherein the CHDM-modified copolyester is obtained by reacting a mixture of terephthalic acid, ethylene glycol (ethanediol) and CHDM.

7. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1-4] Claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the non-crystallisable polyester used is a PET/PEN copolymer, which is obtained by reacting a mixture of terephthalic acid, naphthalenedicarboxylic acid and ethylene glycol (ethanediol).

8. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 1-7] Claim 1, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction, which is greater than 6%.

9. (Amended) Process according to Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction, which is less than 90%.

10. (Amended) Process according to [Claim 8 or 9] Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture used has a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 25% or greater.

11. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 8-10] Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 33% or greater.

12. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 8-11] Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 50% or greater.

13. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 8-12] Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 66% or greater.

14. (Amended) Process according to [one of Claims 8-13] Claim 8, [characterised in that] wherein the mixture [used] has a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 75% or greater.

15. (Amended) Laminate comprising a metal substrate and a plastic layer, [characterised in that] wherein the plastic layer comprises an adhesive layer, the adhesive

layer substantially comprising a plastic web produced according to the process described in [one of Claims 1-14] Claim 1.

16. (Amended) Laminate comprising a metal substrate and a plastic layer, [characterised in that] wherein the plastic layer comprises a top layer, the top layer substantially comprising a plastic web produced according to the process described in [one of Claims 1-14] Claim 1.

17. (Amended) Laminate according to [Claims 15 and 16] Claim 15, [characterised in that] wherein there is an intermediate layer between the adhesive layer and the top layer, the intermediate layer substantially comprising a plastic web, which is produced by extruding a polyester.

18. (Amended) Laminate according to Claim 17, [characterised in that] wherein the intermediate layer is produced according to the process described in [one of Claims 1-7] Claim 1.

19. (Amended) Laminate according to Claim 18, [characterised in that] wherein the intermediate layer is produced from a mixture with a non-crystallisable weight fraction which is 10% or greater.

20. (Amended) Laminate according to Claim 19, [characterised in that] wherein the intermediate layer is produced from a mixture with a non-crystallisable fraction which is 33% or greater.

21. (Amended) Screw cap produced from a laminate according to [one of Claims 15-20] Claim 15.

22. (Amended) Crown cork produced from a laminate according to [one of

Claims 15-20] Claim 15.

23. (Amended) Easy open end produced from a laminate according to [one of Claims 15-20] Claim 15.

24. (Amended) Component produced from a laminate according to [one of Claims 16-20] Claim 16, in which a PVC-containing compound is applied to the top layer of the plastic layer of the laminate.

25. Component according to Claim 24, in which the non-crystallisable weight fraction in the top layer is 25% or greater.

26. Component according to Claim 24, in which the weight fraction is 35% or greater.

27. (Amended) Component according to Claim 26, in which the [said] weight fraction is 50% or greater.

28. (Amended) Component according to Claim 27, in which the [said] weight fraction is 66% or greater.